in the Regional Rural Banks together with the period after which sponsor bank staff cannot be appointed in these banks;

(b) whether it is a fact that the expenditure incurred on the salaries and allowances of staff deputed in these banks by the sponsor banks is being borne by the Regional Rural Banks and not by the sponsor banks; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) In terms of Section 11(1) & (2) of the Regional Rural Banks, Act 1976 the sponsor banks shall appoint an individual to be the chairman of the Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) and specify the period not exceeding five years and on the expiry of the period specified be eligible for reappointment. Further, in terms of Section 17 (1) of the Act, it shall be lawful for a sponsor banks, if requested so to do by an RRB sponsored by it, send such number of officers or other employees on deputation to the RRB as may be necessary or desirable for the efficient performance of its functions. In practice, sponsor banks have been deputing officers as Chairman & General Managers to the RRB sponsored by them. In some cases, the sponsor banks have also deputed officers as chief Vigilance Officer's.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. However some of the sponsor Banks are reimbursing the salaries and allowances of officers and employees deputed by them to RRBs having losses.

Reforms in Banking Sector

2239. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to constitute an Expert Committee to make recommendations regarding reforms in banksing sector to make Nationalised Banks compete with private sector banks;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Government/ Reserve Bank of India/ IBA constitutes expert groups on different aspects of banking from time to time as and when the need for forming such groups arises.

Branches of RRBs in the Country

2240. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of branches of the Regional Rural Banks functioning at present in the country particulary in the State of Uttar Pradesh along with their locations;

(b) the details of the loan facilities granted by each bank to all the farmers, artisans, small scales industries and other needy businessmen of the country during the last three years, State-wise, Bank-wise, and Category-wise; and

(c) whether Government propose to set up more new branches of banks in rural areas of the country, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on theTable of the House to the extent available.

Wanchoo Committee Report on Black Money

2241. SHRI ISAM SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per report of Wanchoo Committee, the generation of black money in India works out 55 per cent of Gross Domestic Product;

(b) if so, what is Government's proposal to deal with this problem; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) The Direct Taxes Enquiry Committee